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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7-9,14,15 and 18-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7-9,14,15 and 18-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 02/06/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant states that the prior reference of Sakakibara does not disclose or suggest " if said input selector selects data to be transferred to said memory card and the facsimile apparatus detects that the memory card is not loaded in said memory card input and output unit, the data to be transferred is stored in said data memory unit until the facsimile apparatus detects that said memory card is loaded into said memory card input and output unit" and "the data being transferred to said memory card responsive to said detection of said memory card". Applicant states that Sakakibara discloses printing data if a memory card is not loaded. Examiner disagrees with Applicant. Sakakibara discloses that in step N9, that it is determined whether a card is inserted into the card unit. If a card is not inserted, the data is stored in image memory (70) (column 6, lines 13-43 and figures 5(b) and 5(c)). This reads on if said input selector selects data to be transferred to said memory card and the facsimile apparatus detects that the memory card is not loaded in said memory card input and output unit, the data to be transferred is stored in said data memory unit until the facsimile apparatus detects that said memory card is loaded into said memory card input and output unit and the data being transferred to said memory card responsive to said detection of said memory card.

3. Applicants that the prior reference of Yoshiyuki et al. does disclose that the data selected to be transferred to a memory card when a memory card is not inserted is stored and later transmitted to the memory card responsive to detection of the memory card. Examiner disagrees with Applicant. The reference of Yoshiyuki et al. is not relied upon to disclose data selected to be transferred to a memory card when a memory card is not inserted is stored and later transmitted to the memory card responsive to detection of the memory card. Applicant merely claims a copyright-protected memory card. Applicant also states in specification that various known memory cards conforming to the personal computer standards may be used, and any card incorporating a nonvolatile memory can be used (specification page 8, lines 3-10).

4. Applicant states that the reference of Sakakibara does not suggest or disclose that the reading portion (10) includes an infrared ray emitter or an infrared detector. Examiner disagrees with Applicant. The reference of Sakakibara discloses of a CCD line sensor and a scanning circuit (column 2, lines 9-26). This reads on a scanner provided with an infrared ray emitter and the facsimile apparatus main body further comprises an infrared ray detector.

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) was submitted on 04/07/2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3,5,7-9,14,15,18-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakakibara US 4900902 in view of Tanaka Yoshiyuki et al. JP 2000-112824.

5. Regarding claim 1, Sakakibara teaches of a modem (90) (column 2, lines 42-43), which reads on a communication input and output unit for transmitting and receiving data through a communication line. Sakakibara teaches of a memory (70) (column 2, lines 36-39), which reads on a data memory unit for storing data received in said communication input and output unit through the communication line. He teaches of a control and display portion (50) (column 2, lines 24-25), which reads on a display unit for displaying data reception information when data is stored in said data memory unit. Sakakibara teaches of a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a

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memory card input and output unit for loading a memory card and capable of writing data into the memory card and reading data from the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60), which controls the card unit (140) makes a judgment, based on a read or write instruction used, to read or write information through the card unit (140) (column 2, lines 64-68 and column 3, lines 30-64 and figure 1). This reads on an input selector for selecting data to be stored in the memory card from data once stored in said data memory unit and transferring the data to the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data (column 2, lines 27-35), which reads on a data format transform unit for transforming a data into an applicable format if the data received in said facsimile apparatus is not accessible to the memory card. Sakakibara discloses that in step N9, that it is determined whether a card is inserted into the card unit. If a card is not inserted, the data is stored in image memory (70) (column 6, lines 13-43 and figures 5(b) and 5(c)). This reads on if said input selector selects data to be transferred to said memory card and the facsimile apparatus detects that the memory card is not loaded in said memory card input and output unit, the data to be transferred is stored in said data memory unit until the facsimile apparatus detects that said memory card is loaded into said memory card input and output unit and the data being transferred to said memory card responsive to said detection of said memory card.

Sakakibara fails to teach of the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

Yoshiyuki et al. teaches of a copy-right flash memory card (page 3, paragraph 0020), which reads on the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

1. Sakakibara could have been modified with the copy-right protected flash memory card of Yoshiyuki et al. This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in order to protect stored image and data of the memory card.

Regarding claim 2, Sakakibara teaches that when the memory card is not present, a display, "INSERT CARD, PLEASE" (column 3, lines 33-42), which reads on when the memory card is not installed in said memory card input and output unit, it is recognized by said control unit, "Not installed" is displayed in said display unit.

Regarding claim 3, Sakakibara teaches that when the memory card is installed, data is read and written to the memory card (figure 3A(b)), which reads on in the case of input of transfer of data from said input selector, if the memory card is not installed in said memory card input and output unit, when the memory card is installed and it is recognized by said control unit, the data to be transferred is transferred into the memory card.

Regarding claim 7, Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that controls the facsimile apparatus using a modem (90) (column 2, lines 27-30 and 42-43 and figure 1), which reads on a data format transform unit for transforms the data stored in the memory card into a data format to be transmitted by a facsimile, and the transformed data is transmitted through the communication line.

6. Regarding claim 8, Sakakibara teaches of a modem (90) (column 2, lines 42-43), which reads on a communication input and output unit for transmitting and receiving data through a communication line. Sakakibara teaches of a reading portion (10) (column 2, lines 9-11), which reads on a scanner for reading an original document or image data. Sakakibara teaches of a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a memory card input and output unit for loading a memory card and capable of writing data into the memory card and reading data from the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of an image processing unit (20) (column 2, lines 12-15), which reads on a first data format transform unit for transforming input image data from the scanner into a facsimile applicable data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data and sends it to a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 27-35 and figure 1), which reads on a second data format transform unit for transforming the data format mutually between the facsimile applicable data format and a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that sends image data to the modem (90) and receives the data from reading portion (10) to send to the recording unit (40) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on a mode selector for sending the data issued from the first data format transform unit to the communication input and output unit in transmission mode, and feeding the data output from the first data format transform unit into the second data format transform unit in recording mode. Sakakibara teaches of a memory (70) (column 2, lines 36-39), which reads on a data memory unit for storing data received through communication line. He teaches of a control and display portion (50) (column 2, lines 24-25), which reads on a

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display unit for displaying data reception information when data is stored in the data memory unit. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60), which controls the card unit (140) makes a judgment, based on a read or write instruction used, to read or write information through the card unit (140) (column 2, lines 64-68 and column 3, lines 30-64 and figure 1). This reads on an input selector for selecting data to be stored in the memory card from data once stored in the data memory unit and transferring the data to the memory card. Sakakibara discloses of a CCD line sensor and a scanning circuit (column 2, lines 9-26). This reads on a scanner provided with an infrared ray emitter and the facsimile apparatus main body further comprises an infrared ray detector.

7. Regarding claim 9, Sakakibara teaches of a modem (90) (column 2, lines 42-43), which reads on a communication input and output unit for transmitting and receiving data through a communication line. Sakakibara teaches of a reading portion (10) (column 2, lines 9-11), which reads on a scanner for reading an original document or image data. Sakakibara teaches of a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a memory card input and output unit for loading a memory card and capable of writing data into the memory card and reading data from the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of an image processing unit (20) (column 2, lines 12-15), which reads on a first data format transform unit for transforming input image data from the scanner into a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data and sends it to a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 27-35 and figure 1), which reads on a second data format transform unit for transforming the data format mutually between the facsimile applicable data format and

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a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that sends image data to the modem (90) and receives the data from reading portion (10) to send to the recording unit (40) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on a mode selector for feeding the data output from the first data format transform unit to the second data format transform unit in transmission mode, and sending the data output from the first data format transform unit into the second data format transform unit in recording mode. Sakakibara teaches of a memory (70) (column 2, lines 36-39), which reads on a data memory unit for storing data received through the communication line. He teaches of a control and display portion (50) (column 2, lines 24-25), which reads on a display unit for displaying data reception information when data is stored in the data memory unit. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60), which controls the card unit (140) makes a judgment, based on a read or write instruction used, to read or write information through the card unit (140) (column 2, lines 64-68 and column 3, lines 30-64 and figure 1). This reads on an input selector for selecting data to be stored in the memory card from data once stored in the data memory unit and transferring the data to the memory card. Sakakibara discloses of a CCD line sensor and a scanning circuit (column 2, lines 9-26). This reads on said scanner is provided with an infrared ray emitter and the facsimile apparatus main body further comprises an infrared ray detector.

Regarding claim 14, Sakakibara teaches that the main control unit (60) receives image data from the image processing unit (20) and sends the data to the modem (90)

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(figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on the mode selector further includes a transmission-record mode for feeding the data output from said first data format transform unit into the communication input and output unit and said second data format transform unit.

Regarding claim 15, Sakakibara teaches that the main control unit (60) receives image data from the image processing unit (20) and sends the data to the modem (90) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on the mode selector further includes a transmission-record mode for feeding the data output from said first data format transform unit into the communication input and output unit and said second data format transform unit.

Regarding claim 18, Sakakibara teaches of an IC card (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a nonvolatile memory card detachable from said facsimile apparatus.

Regarding claim 19, Sakakibara teaches of an IC card (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a nonvolatile memory card detachable from said facsimile apparatus.

Regarding claim 20, Sakakibara teaches of an IC card (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a nonvolatile memory card detachable from said facsimile apparatus.

8. Regarding claim 21, Sakakibara teaches of a modem (90) (column 2, lines 42-43), which reads on a communication input and output unit for transmitting and receiving data through a communication line. Sakakibara teaches of a reading portion (10) (column 2, lines 9-11), which reads on a scanner for reading an original document or image data. Sakakibara teaches of a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a memory card input and output unit for loading a memory card and capable of

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writing data into the memory card and reading data from the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of an image processing unit (20) (column 2, lines 12-15), which reads on a first data format transform unit for transforming input image data from the scanner into a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data and sends it to a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 27-35 and figure 1), which reads on a second data format transform unit for transforming the data format mutually between the facsimile applicable data format and a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that sends image data to the modem (90) and receives the data from reading portion (10) to send to the recording unit (40) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on a mode selector for feeding the data output from the first data format transform unit to the second data format transform unit in transmission mode, and sending the data output from the first data format transform unit into the second data format transform unit in recording mode. Sakakibara teaches of a memory (70) (column 2, lines 36-39), which reads on a data memory unit for storing data received through the communication line. He teaches of a control and display portion (50) (column 2, lines 24-25), which reads on a display unit for displaying data reception information when data is stored in the data memory unit. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60), which controls the card unit (140) makes a judgment, based on a read or write instruction used, to read or write information through the card unit (140) (column 2, lines 64-68 and column 3, lines 30-64 and figure 1). This reads on an input selector for selecting data to be stored in the memory card from data once stored in the data memory unit and transferring the

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data to the memory card. Sakakibara discloses that in step N9, that it is determined whether a card is inserted into the card unit. If a card is not inserted, the data is stored in image memory (70) (column 6, lines 13-43 and figures 5(b) and 5(c)). This reads on if said input selector selects data to be transferred to said memory card and the facsimile apparatus detects that the memory card is not loaded in said memory card input and output unit, the data to be transferred is stored in said data memory unit until the facsimile apparatus detects that said memory card is loaded into said memory card input and output unit and the data being transferred to said memory card responsive to said detection of said memory card.

Sakakibara fails to teach of the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

Yoshiyuki et al. teaches of a copy-right flash memory card (page 3, paragraph 0020), which reads on the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

2. Sakakibara could have been modified with the copy-right protected flash memory card of Yoshiyuki et al. This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in order to protect stored image and data of the memory card.

Regarding claim 22, Sakakibara teaches that the main control unit (60) receives image data from the image processing unit (20) and sends the data to the modem (90) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on said mode selector further includes a transmission-record mode for feeding the data output from said first data format

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transform unit into the communication input and output unit and said second data format transform unit.

9. Regarding claim 23, Sakakibara teaches of a modem (90) (column 2, lines 42-43), which reads on a communication input and output unit for transmitting and receiving data through a communication line. Sakakibara teaches of a reading portion (10) (column 2, lines 9-11), which reads on a scanner for reading an original document or image data. Sakakibara teaches of a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a memory card input and output unit for loading a memory card and capable of writing data into the memory card and reading data from the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of an image processing unit (20) (column 2, lines 12-15), which reads on a first data format transform unit for transforming input image data from the scanner into a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data and sends it to a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 27-35 and figure 1), which reads on a second data format transform unit for transforming the data format mutually between the facsimile applicable data format and a memory card accessible data format. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that sends image data to the modem (90) and receives the data from reading portion (10) to send to the recording unit (40) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on a mode selector for feeding the data output from the first data format transform unit to the second data format transform unit in transmission mode, and sending the data output from the first data format transform unit into the second data format transform unit in recording mode. Sakakibara teaches of a memory (70) (column 2, lines 36-39),

which reads on a data memory unit for storing data received through the communication line. He teaches of a control and display portion (50) (column 2, lines 24-25), which reads on a display unit for displaying data reception information when data is stored in the data memory unit. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60), which controls the card unit (140) makes a judgment, based on a read or write instruction used, to read or write information through the card unit (140) (column 2, lines 64-68 and column 3, lines 30-64 and figure 1). This reads on an input selector for selecting data to be stored in the memory card from data once stored in the data memory unit and transferring the data to the memory card. Sakakibara discloses that in step N9, that it is determined whether a card is inserted into the card unit. If a card is not inserted, the data is stored in image memory (70) (column 6, lines 13-43 and figures 5(b) and 5(c)). This reads on if said input selector selects data to be transferred to said memory card and the facsimile apparatus detects that the memory card is not loaded in said memory card input and output unit, the data to be transferred is stored in said data memory unit until the facsimile apparatus detects that said memory card is loaded into said memory card input and output unit and the data being transferred to said memory card responsive to said detection of said memory card.

Sakakibara fails to teach of the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

Yoshiyuki et al. teaches of a copy-right flash memory card (page 3, paragraph 0020), which reads on the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

Regarding claim 24, Sakakibara teaches that the main control unit (60) receives image data from the image processing unit (20) and sends the data to the modem (90) (figure 1 and column 2, lines 9-48), which reads on said mode selector further includes a transmission-record mode for feeding the data output from said first data format transform unit into the communication input and output unit and said second data format transform unit.

10. Regarding claim 25, Sakakibara teaches of a modem (90) (column 2, lines 42-43), which reads on a communication input and output unit for transmitting and receiving data through a communication line. Sakakibara teaches of a memory (70) (column 2, lines 36-39), which reads on a data memory unit for storing data received in said communication input and output unit through the communication line. He teaches of a control and display portion (50) (column 2, lines 24-25), which reads on a display unit for displaying data reception information when data is stored in said data memory unit. Sakakibara teaches of a card unit (140) (column 2, lines 53-55), which reads on a memory card input and output unit for loading a memory card and capable of writing data into the memory card and reading data from the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60), which controls the card unit (140) makes a judgment, based on a read or write instruction used, to read or write information through the card unit (140) (column 2, lines 64-68 and column 3, lines 30-64 and figure 1). This reads on an input selector for selecting data to be stored in the memory card from data once stored in said data memory unit and transferring the data to the memory card. Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data

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(column 2, lines 27-35), which reads on a data format transform unit for transforming a data into an applicable format if the data received in said facsimile apparatus is not accessible to the memory card. Sakakibara discloses that in step N9, that it is determined whether a card is inserted into the card unit. If a card is not inserted, the data is stored in image memory (70) (column 6, lines 13-43 and figures 5(b) and 5(c)). This reads on if said input selector selects data to be transferred to said memory card and the facsimile apparatus detects that the memory card is not loaded in said memory card input and output unit, the data to be transferred is stored in said data memory unit until the facsimile apparatus detects that said memory card is loaded into said memory card input and output unit and the data being transferred to said memory card responsive to said detection of said memory card.

Regarding claim 26, Yoshiyuki et al. teaches of a copy-right flash memory card (page 3, paragraph 0020), which reads on the memory card is a copy-right protected memory card.

1. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakakibara US 4900902 in view of Fujiki US 6542254.

Regarding claim 5, Sakakibara teaches of a main control unit (60) that encodes or decodes image data (column 2, lines 27-35), which reads on a data format transform

unit for transforming a data into an applicable format if the data received in said facsimile apparatus is not accessible to the memory card.

Sakakibara fails to teach that the memory card accessible data format is JFIF (YCbCr color expression) data format of TIFF.

Fujiki teaches that the facsimile is able to convert image data into TIFF format (column 4, lines 42-45), which reads on the memory card accessible data format is JFIF (YCbCr color expression) data format of TIFF.

3. Sakakibara could have been modified by converting image data into TIFF format of Fujiki. This modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in order to store image data onto a memory card.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Burleson whose telephone number is 571-272-7460. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached on 571-272-7437.

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Michael Burleson

Patent Examiner

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